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SUBJECT: 15TH INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION FESTIVAL, PRAGUE 1978

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1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO UNOFFICIAL AMERICAN SHOWING OF PBS "DANCE IN AMERICA" SERIES IN SUBJECT FESTIVAL. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND PAYING OF EXPENSES BEYOND POUCHING THE FILMS.
2. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND OFFICIAL PARTICIPATION IN TV FESTIVAL FOR SEVERAL REASONS: FIRST, IT TENDS TO HAVE HEAVY POLITICAL OVERTONES. SECOND, CZECHOSLOVAK TV IS PERHAPS THE MOST ANTI-AMERICAN ELEMENT OF THE LOCAL MEDIA. ITS NEWS COVERAGE SHOWS ONLY WHAT IS NEGATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES, IT ACCEPTS NO MATERIAL FROM THE POST, AND IT RARELY RUNS ANYTHING SHOWING WESTERN LIFE AND CULTURE IN A POSITIVE VEIN. THIRD, EVER SINCE 1968 AND THE CLEAN-OUT OF CZECHOSLOVAK TV OF GOC, ITS RELATIONS WITH THE AMERICAN TV COMPANIES AND STATIONS HAVE BEEN STRAINED.
3. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, WE HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION THAT THE EMBASSY WELCOMES DISCUSSION OF WAYS TO IMPROVE MEDIA RELATIONS IN GENERAL, AND THAT OFFICIAL

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PARTICIPATION IN THE TV FESTIVAL SHOULD COME UNDER CONTEXT OF SUCH BROADER PROPOSALS RATHER THAN BE A SEPARATE ITEM. TO AVOID BEING COMPLETELY NEGATIVE, HOWEVER, AT A TIME WHEN THERE ARE SOME DISTINCT SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT IN EDUCATIONAL-CULTURAL RELATIONS, WE RECOMMEND SUPPORTING UNOFFICIAL SHOWING OF "DACE IN AMERICA" SERIES.
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